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BOROUGH OF WESTON-SUPER-MARE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1972

including the
REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Medical Officer of Health	D. McGowan (died 26.2.73)
Chief Public Health Inspector	...	...	...	...	G. P. Lawrence
Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector	...	...	...	...	J. Richards
Public Health Inspectors	...	...	...	...	J. G. Crowe
					A. Burt (died 18.9.72)
					R. Green
					G. Elms (left 31.5.72)
					F. J. Ball (commenced 25.9.72)
Meat Inspector	...	...	...	...	D. Davies
Pupil P.H.I.	...	...	...	...	T. Jones
Clerical Staff	...	...	...	...	6

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
SOMERSET HOUSE,
OXFORD STREET,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Weston-super-Mare

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the Borough, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1972.

We have lost two good servants of the Borough, Dr. McGowan, as Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Burt, as Public Health Inspector, both of whom contributed a great deal to the health of the community in their work.

I would like to express my appreciation, on Dr. McGowan's behalf, to Mr. Lawrence, Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year.

I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

B. I. Dennis

Acting Medical Officer of Health

S U M M A R Y O F S T A T I S T I C S

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (including foreshore) 7,006 acres

Population - Registrar-General's estimate for mid-1972 50,730

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1972

<u>Live Births</u>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	266	262	528
Illegitimate	33	30	63
	<u>299</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>591</u>

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) = 11.6

Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.22) = 14.2

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births = 11%

<u>Stillbirths</u>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 5

Total live and stillbirths 594

<u>Infant Deaths</u> (Deaths under 1 year)	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	6	5	11
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births = 19

Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births = 21

Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births = Nil

Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) = 12

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 12

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 17

Maternal Deaths = Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = Nil

<u>Deaths</u> - All ages	Male	Female	Total
	397	486	883

Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) = 17.4

Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.63) = 11.0

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

BIRTHS

The Registrar-General gives the corrected number of live births in the town as 591 (299 boys and 292 girls), this being 65 less than in 1971. Of these births, 63 were illegitimate. This is 11.0 per cent of the total live births, as compared with 9.0 per cent in 1971.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1972 was 11.6 and when the comparability factor (1.22) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 14.2 per 1,000 of the total population, compared with 15.8 in 1971. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1971 was 14.8

BIRTH RATES

YEAR	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
England and Wales	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0	14.8
Weston-super-Mare	16.9	19.2	19.3	18.1	18.3	17.3	14.8	16.1	15.8	14.2
Percentage of Illegitimate Births to Total Births in Weston-super-Mare	7.0	7.4	6.5	7.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	11.0

STILLBIRTHS

The registered number of stillbirths in 1972 was 3 (2 males and 1 female), none of which were illegitimate, thus giving a stillbirth rate of 5 per 1,000 total births, as compared with 18.0 in 1971.

INFANT MORTALITY

Eleven deaths occurred in children under the age of one year in 1972 compared with twelve in 1971. These eleven deaths give an Infant Mortality Rate of 19 per 1,000 live births, the Rate for England and Wales as a whole being 17.0. Seven of the eleven deaths occurred during the first week after birth. The Perinatal Mortality (Deaths of Infants during the first week after birth plus stillbirths) was 17 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, compared with 22 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths due to maternal causes in 1972.

DEATHS

After correction for transferable deaths the total assigned to the Borough by the Registrar-General was 883 (397 males and 486 females). This is 103 more than in 1971 and gives a crude death rate of 17.4 per 1,000 of population. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the local death rate was 11.0 compared with 12.1 for England and Wales as a whole.

DEATH RATES

YEAR	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
England and Wales	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.1
Corrected D. R. Weston-super-Mare	11.1	10.2	11.1	12.3	10.4	10.8	10.7	10.6	9.6	11.0

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS, 1972

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Under 1	6	5	11
1 - 4	-	2	2
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	2	-	2
25 - 34	3	2	5
35 - 44	2	4	6
45 - 54	22	10	32
55 - 64	45	47	92
65 - 74	135	109	244
75+	182	307	489
TOTALS	<u>397</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>883</u>

INQUESTS ON RESIDENTS 1972

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>INFANTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Natural Causes</u>	-	-	1 M 1 F	1 1
<u>Accidents</u>				
Fall in the home	-	2	-	2
Road accident to pedestrians	2	1	-	3
Car accident	1	-	-	1
Carbon monoxide poisoning from bathroom water heater	-	1	-	1
<u>Suicide</u>				
Barbiturate	2	2	-	4
Hanging	1	-	-	1
Cut his throat	1	-	-	1
<u>Open Verdict</u>				
Fall in the home	-	1	-	1
Car Accident	1	-	-	1
Fall in hospital	1	-	-	1
Barbiturate poisoning	-	1	-	1
Barbiturate & alcohol	-	2	-	2
Camphor poisoning together with natural cause	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	10	10	2	22

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1972

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 & under 1 year	1- 5-	5- 15-	15- 25-	25- 35-	35- 45-	45- 55-	55- 65-	65- 75+	75+
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	-
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-
	F	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	4	5	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	15	5	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	14	5	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	8	5	-
	F	36	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	11	15	-
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Anaemias	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	11	-
	F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	132	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	14	51	54	-
	F	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	25	66	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	16	-
	F	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	39	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	16	26	-
	F	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	18	88	-
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	-
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	20	-
Influenza	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

Causes of Death (continued)	SEX	Total Under 4 Weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+											
		all	4	& under									
		Ages	Weeks	1 year									
Pneumonia	M	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	14
	F	30	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	6	19
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	8
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6
Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
All other External Causes	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	397	4	2	-	-	2	3	2	22	45	135	182
	F	486	3	2	2	-	-	2	4	10	47	109	307

POPULATION

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF POPULATION IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE 1945 - 1972

(1931 Census 31,706)	1954 ... 39,990	1964 ... 43,620
1945 ... 37,470	1955 ... 40,330	1965 ... 43,910
1946 ... 38,890	1956 ... 40,300	1966 ... 43,910
1947 ... 39,590	1957 ... 40,600	1967 ... 44,170
1948 ... 39,710	1958 ... 40,800	1968 ... 47,790
1949 ... 39,830	1959 ... 41,150	1969 ... 47,960
1950 ... 40,210	1960 ... 41,110	1970 ... 48,000
1951 ... 39,660	1961 ... 42,450	1971 ... 49,540
(1951 Census 40,396)	(1961 Census 43,938)	(1971 Census 50,894)
1952 ... 39,540	1962 ... 42,750	1972 ... 50,730
1953 ... 39,650	1963 ... 43,150	

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

I. LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The following services in the Borough are administered by the Somerset County Council.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Health Clinics for children under the age of five years are held at:-

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, WESTBURY CRESCENT	Mondays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m. (1st and 3rd in month)
BOURNVILLE PUBLIC HALL, CONISTON CRESCENT	Mondays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (2nd and 4th in month)
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL, BOULEVARD	Tuesdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m.
BAPTIST CHURCH HALL, BAYTREE ROAD	Wednesdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m.
ST. MARTINS CHURCH HALL, WORLE	Thursdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (1st in each month)

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC ATTENDANCES 1972		
	Total attendance of children in 1972	Average number of attendances at each session
CENTRAL	1954	38.3
BAYTREE ROAD	2218	43.4
WORLE	494	41.1
BOURNVILLE	516	23.4
CORONATION	746	32.4
BLEADON	251	22.8
TOTAL	6179	

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

There are eight Health Visitors in the town, and the following is a summary of the Home Visiting work in 1972.

Visits to all children 0 - 5 years	...	...	...	...	10074
Visits to People over 65	...	...	...	...	3059
Other Visits as Health Visitor	...	...	...	...	5213
Visits to Antenatal cases	56
Visits - Hearing Tests	797
Visits - Liaison	492
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II. LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

WATER SUPPLIES

During the year the water supply of the town was satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. 51 samples of untreated water and 101 samples of treated water were examined bacteriologically. The actual fluoride content of the water supplies to the Borough is either nil or a negligible quantity.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Extensions of sewers, new works or improvements during the year:-

<u>Completed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Replacement of sewer Lower Bristol Road	£19,500
Sewer extension Winterstoke Road	£2,000
<u>In Progress</u>	
Town Trunk Sewer Phase II	£140,000
<u>Future Proposals</u>	
Surface sewer to Wellsea Rhyne	£2,000
Milton Road/Somerdale Avenue Sewer	£30,000
Summer Lane Pumping Station & Rising main	£25,000
Anchor Head Pumping Station	£2,000

HOUSING

During 1972 the Local Authority erected 49 houses. Private enterprise built 517 houses in 1972 compared with 414 in 1971. In addition, 76 flats or dwellings were gained from conversion of larger houses.

Applications for Council Houses at end of year:-	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
(a) Urgent bona fide cases	949	1118
(b) Applications for Old People's dwellings	220*	281*
	(included in 949)	(included in 1118)
(c) Others	271	285
Total	<u>1220</u>	<u>1403</u>

The number of Permanent Dwellings in the Borough as at 31.12.72 was as follows:-

(a) Local Authority	4565
(b) Private Enterprise	13540
	<u>18105</u>

GRANTS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO PRIVATE OWNERS

	Received		Approved	
	Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	157	230	138	208
Standard Grants	29	29	30	30

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the number of notifications of infectious diseases in the town during the year.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>
Measles	105
Dysentery	-
Scarlet Fever	22
Whooping Cough	5
Infective Jaundice	1
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	4
(b) Meninges and C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	-
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	-
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	-
(b) Post-infectious	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Typhoid Fever	-
Food Poisoning	3
Malaria	-
Leprosy	-

FOOD POISONING

Only 3 cases of food poisoning were notified. This low figure should not allow complacency. It is well known that all over the country much food poisoning does not reach the General Practitioner and is not notified. The Public Health Inspectors are constantly at work encouraging a high standard in food handling establishments.

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T H E C H I E F P U B L I C H E A L T H I N S P E C T O R
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To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Weston-super-Mare

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the sanitary administration of the Borough for the year 1972.

A recent survey of the housing stock in the Borough showed, as anticipated, that the general standard of housing is very good. Some houses still lack standard amenities but grants available for this purpose are seldom taken up by owners of tenanted properties.

Food Hygiene, so important in a holiday resort, again received considerable attention by the department, especially with regard to food handling methods. Unfortunately there are still too many food preparing establishments that require frequent inspections.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support given to me during the year, and to express my appreciation for the assistance and co-operation received from the officers and staff of all departments.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. Lawrence

Chief Public Health Inspector

HOUSING

The repair and improvement of houses continued at a satisfactory level throughout the year. It is essential to prevent, as far as possible, the older stock of houses deteriorating to a point where they become unfit for habitation.

Repair is often cheaper than renewal even taking into consideration the shorter life of the repaired property.

Action Taken During Year

No. of houses included in Clearance Areas for which Orders are still to be made	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched for temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas)	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas)	...	...	...	...	Nil
Housing Act 1957 (Section 17 - Individual Unfits)					
No. of houses lost:-					
(a) Houses demolished	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Houses closed	...	...	...	...	Nil
(c) For other purposes (road improvements, etc.)	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of temporary dwellings (huts etc.) demolished	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of houses declared unfit under					
(i) Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	1
(ii) Section 72 of the Housing Act, 1969	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of houses made fit during year	...	...	...	...	14
No. of unfit houses occupied under licence	...	...	...	...	Nil
Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Acts, 1961 to 1969)	...	...	...	...	Nil
Reconditioning of condemned houses - exclusion from Clearance/Demolition Orders (Housing Act, 1961)					
	...	...	...	...	1
Substitution of Closing Order for Demolition Order	...	...	...	...	Nil
Housing Act, 1969 Section 28 General Improvement Areas					
	...	...	...	...	Nil

Housing Act, 1957 - Slum Clearance

		1973	1974	1975	1976
1. Part III	a) Houses in areas to be declared	-	-	-	-
	b) Houses to be cleared	-	-	-	-
2. Part II	Houses likely to be subject to demolition or closing Orders	3	3	3	-
Remarks					

Improvement Grants - No. of applications and houses dealt with by the
Local Authority during year:-

	RECEIVED		APPROVED	
	Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	157	230	138	208
Standard Grants	29	29	30	30
Special Grants	-	-	-	-

Rent Act, 1957 - Certificates of Disrepair

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued during 1972.

Housing Inspections

Housing Acts	536
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	744
Visits re Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136

CARAVAN SITES

						<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
No. of single caravans licensed	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
No. of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	...	...	...	...	...	168	16,000
No. of sites closed	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
Camping sites - No. of unlicensed sites in use	...	...	...	...	...	-	-

The Green Tiles caravan site acquired by the Council for refuse disposal purposes has resulted in the loss of 110 holiday caravan spaces and 80 transit caravan spaces. There is now no transit caravan site in the Borough and it remains to be seen whether this will result in lay-bys etc. being utilised for this purpose.

The closing down of Laurel Farm Caravan Site has resulted in a loss of 33 holiday caravan spaces.

Land required for the new hospital development at Uphill has resulted in a reduction of 15 holiday caravan spaces at Manor Farm Caravan site, Uphill.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Mice infestations are no longer satisfactorily controlled by the use of the anti-coagulant warfarin and other poisons have had to be used with limited success.

Treatments carried out on the public sewers revealed minor infestations.

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district	21601	39
(a) Total No. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	227	-
(b) No. infested by (i) Rats	113	4
(ii) Mice	21	-
(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	6908	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	34	-
(ii) Mice	19	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupier Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	4	-	-
Factories not included in 1, in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	165	71	4	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by workers' premises	-	-	-	-
	172	75	4	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	3	2	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	2	-	1	-

3. Outwork - Sections 133 and 134 of the Factories Act, 1961

	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)	Section 134 Notices served
Wearing apparel (making etc.) Cleaning and washing	30	-

SHOPS ACT, 1950

134 inspections were made during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934 - 1950, dealing with general closing hours and hours of employment.

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and Retail ... 1
(b) Retail only 238

Total Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
43	30	6	6	1
Percentages	69.8	13.9	13.9	2.3

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

Routine visits to all food premises are usually of an advisory nature - to encourage food handlers to maintain a good standard of food hygiene and to impress upon them the importance of personal cleanliness and of maintaining food rooms and equipment in a hygienic condition at all times.

FOOD PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

No. of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	782
No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	782
No. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	700
No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	700

Food Premises

Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Restaurants, cafes, snack bars, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
Hotels, Private Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	321

Inspections of Food Premises

Abattoir	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	658
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	537
Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
Ice Cream Shops and premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
Confectionary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Sweets & Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Food premises for condemnation of food stuffs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Other Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	236

Samples taken:-

Drinking Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Swimming Bath Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38

Unsound food condemned

Meat, Fish, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	863 lbs.
Canned Goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1680
Packeted Goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	311
Frozen Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2770 pkts.

FOOD AND DRUGS

The number of complaints of food adulteration increased during the year. This was probably due to the publicity given to successful prosecutions concerning cases of adulterated food brought by the Council.

Samples taken during the year:- County Analyst confirmed

Formal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Unsatisfactory analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Unsatisfactory labelling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	131

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS

No. of Registered Distributors	...	...	...	...	94
No. of Registered Dairy Premises (other than dairy farms)	...	...	...	...	14

57 Samples of designated milks were examined and the results were as follows:-

Designation	Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	55	55	-
Sterilized	2	2	-

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

No. of samples of raw milk examined = Nil

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants in the district

DRINKING WATER

12 samples were taken and all were found to be satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATH WATER

38 samples of swimming bath water from the open air swimming pool and Knightstone Baths were submitted for bacteriological analysis.

Names of bath	Main	Sea	Other	Recirculation	Filtration	Chlorination Automatic Hand
Knightstone Bath	-	yes	-	yes	yes	yes -
The Pool	-	yes	-	yes	yes	yes -

LICENCES ISSUED FOR 1972

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order ...	8
Pet Animals Act, 1951	8
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Riding Establishments	7

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Satisfactory standards have now been attained in the majority of offices and shops in the Borough. Routine inspections of these premises are normally all that is required.

	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	6	208	10
Retail Shops	11	392	13
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	28	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	3	76	7
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Totals	20	704	31

No. of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered Premises 184

Class of workplace	No. of Persons employed
Offices	1652
Retail Shops	2009
Wholesale departments, warehouses	159
Catering establishments open to public	583
Canteens	17
Fuel Storage depots	0
Total	4420
Total Males	1843
Total Females	2577

Exemptions = 0

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections and visits	...	6908
Nuisances or complaints	... ..	465
Drainage inspections	... ..	490
Infectious Disease visits & Food Poison	...	52
Public Conveniences	... ..	24
Public & Private Refuse Tips	... ..	1103
Shop Act Inspections	... ..	184
Smoke Abatement	... ..	85
Stables & Piggeries	... ..	8
Caravan Sites	... ..	101
Noise Nuisances	... ..	166
Disease of Animals Waste Food Order	...	8
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	...	184

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Articles</u>
Disinfections	73	50
Destroyed	-	104

INSPECTION OF MEAT

A very good standard of meat inspection was maintained at the Public Abattoir.

Approximately 82 tons of meat were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Animals Killed at the Public Abattoir

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Pigs	20,532	21,244	20,862	22,876	20,538
Sheep	44,502	35,629	23,952	27,503	4,925
Calves	639	377	413	303	50
Beasts	8,156	8,165	10,264	8,971	5,739

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING YEAR

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	5739	1842	50	14925	20538	-
Number inspected	5739	1842	50	14925	20538	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerchi</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	13	7	27	180	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1376	1422	5	3182	6937	-
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerchi	23.9	77.9	24.0	21.5	34.6	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.31	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	5	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat con- demned for:-						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1226	-
(b) Cysticercosis	281	57	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	41497	51311	365	15783	87282	-
Total condemned	41778	51368	365	15783	88508	-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING YEAR

	CATTLE		COWS		CALVES		SHEEP		PIGS	
	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other
Abscesses	-	411	-	113	-	-	-	15	43	276
Actinobacillosis	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actinomycosis	-	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Angioma (Teleg.)	-	3	-	472	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	88
Ascarides	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	670
Bruising	-	44	4	76	1	2	1	8	5	91
Cirrhosis	-	31	-	561	-	-	-	-	-	77
Congestion	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2907
Contamination	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	58
Contusion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Cystic	-	15	-	81	-	-	-	194	-	84
Cysticercosis Bovis	-	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Decomposition	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	-	319
Emphysema	-	5	-	107	-	-	-	-	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Fascioliasis	-	1761	-	623	-	-	-	355	-	7
Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	17	-
Gangrene	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3	8
Glanders Disease	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	349
Haematoma	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Icterus	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Inflammation	-	15	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	11
Johne's Disease	-	3	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
Melanosis	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Metaplasia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Moribund	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis	-	21	-	124	-	-	-	-	1	-
Necrosis	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oedema	-	-	9	2	-	-	13	-	37	586
Parasites	-	16	-	24	-	-	-	4340	-	39
Pericarditis	-	66	-	59	-	-	-	3	-	327
Peritonitis	-	776	-	861	-	-	-	57	1	1657
Pleurisy	-	564	-	325	-	-	-	1	1	1274
Pneumonia	-	54	-	23	-	2	-	1	-	6017
Pyaemia	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	44	-
Pyelonephritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Pimply Guts	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	504
Rash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Scalding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Septic	-	1	2	-	2	-	4	1	42	79
Steatosis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tail Biting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Uraemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

